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Attention: Agenda Preparation *S/E*

FROM: STEVEN H. ESTABROOK
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Linda Watters, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 069 608

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary, which is to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Linda Watters, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 069608 in the amount of \$175,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works.

This lawsuit seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for real and personal property damage allegedly caused from a backflow of sewage due to a sewer mainline blockage.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Linda Watters, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	KC069608
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 7, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 175,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Matthew P. Malczynski, Law Offices of Glenn Stern
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a blocked sewer mainline that caused a sewage backflow into Plaintiffs' property which damaged their real and personal property.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 10,664
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,066